

Tiberi
Tierney
Titus
Tonko
Tsongas
Turner
Upton
Van Hollen
Visclosky
Walden

Walz
Wamp
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Westmoreland

Wexler
Whitfield
Wilson (OH)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Wolf
Yarmuth
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—34

Baldwin
Bishop (UT)
Campbell
Chaffetz
Clarke
Costello
Duncan
Ehlers
Ellison
Filner
Flake
Gohmert

Grayson
Johnson (IL)
Kagen
Kucinich
Lee (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lofgren, Zoe
Lummis
McDermott
Nadler (NY)
Paul
Payne

Polis (CO)
Quigley
Serrano
Shimkus
Stark
Towns
Velázquez
Welch
Woolsey
Wu

NOT VOTING—5

Eshoo
Hirono

Radanovich
Souder

Speier

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1400

Messrs. COSTELLO, SHIMKUS, CHAFFETZ, LEWIS of Georgia, KAGEN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Messrs. PAYNE, TOWNS, and Ms. CLARKE changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. TURNER and RYAN of Wisconsin changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker. I was not present during rollcall vote No. 985 on December 16, 2009 because I was in a secure room for a restricted briefing.

On rollcall vote No. 985, I would have voted “yea.”

Stated against:

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, today, I inadvertently cast a “yea” vote during rollcall vote 985. My intention was to cast a “nay” vote on H.R. 3326, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

PHONE ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1110, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1110, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 418, noes 1, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 986]

AYES—418

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Adler (NJ)
Akin
Alexander
Altmire
Andrews
Arcuri
Austria
Baca
Bachmann
Bachus
Baird
Baldwin
Barrett (SC)
Barrow
Bartlett
Barton (TX)
Bean
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blumenauer
Blunt
Bocchieri
Boehner
Bono Mack
Boozman
Boren
Boswell
Boucher
Boustany
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Braley (IA)
Bright
Broun (GA)
Brown (SC)
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Buchanan
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Butterfield
Buyer
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Cantor
Cao
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cardoza
Carnahan
Carney
Carson (IN)
Carter
Cassidy
Castle
Castor (FL)
Chaffetz
Chandler
Childers
Chu
Clarke
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Coble
Coffman (CO)
Cohen
Cole
Conaway
Connolly (VA)
Cooper
Costa

Costello
Courtney
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cuellar
Culberson
Cummings
Dahlkemper
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis (KY)
Davis (TN)
Deal (GA)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dent
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Dingell
Doggett
Kind
Donnelly (IN)
Doyle
Dreier
Driehaus
Duncan
Edwards (MD)
Edwards (TX)
Ehlers
Ellison
Ellsworth
Emerson
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Fallin
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Flake
Fleming
Forbes
Fortenberry
Foster
Fox
Frank (MA)
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Fudge
Gallegly
Garamendi
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach
Giffords
Lujan
Gohmert
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Gordon (TN)
Granger
Graves
Grayson
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Griffith
Grijalva
Guthrie
Gutierrez
Hall (NY)
Hall (TX)
Halvorson
Hare
Harman
Harper
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Heinrich
Hensarling
Herger
Herseth Sandlin
Higgins
Hill
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hodes
Hoekstra
Holden

Holt
Hoyer
Hunter
Inglis
Insee
Israel
Issa
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jenkins
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Jordan (OH)
Kagen
Kanjorski
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick (MI)
Kilroy
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Kissell
Klein (FL)
Kline (MN)
Kosmas
Kratovil
Kucinich
Lamborn
Lance
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Latta
Lee (CA)
Lee (NY)
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Loeb
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowey
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Lujan
Lummis
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Lynch
Mack
Maffei
Maloney
Manzullo
Marchant
Markey (CO)
Markey (MA)
Marshall
Massa
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (CA)
McCarthy (NY)
McCaul
McClintock
McCollum
McCotter
McDermott
McGovern
McHenry
McIntyre
McKeon
McMahon
McMorris
Rodgers
McNerney
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)

Melancon
Mica
Michaud
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Minnick
Mitchell
Mollohan
Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Murphy (CT)
Murphy (NY)
Murphy, Patrick
Murphy, Tim
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler (NY)
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Neugebauer
Nunes
Nye
Oberstar
Obey
Olson
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascarelli
Paulsen
Payne
Pence
Perlmutter
Perriello
Peters
Peterson
Petri
Pingree (ME)
Pitts
Platts
Poe (TX)
Polis (CO)
Pomeroy
Posey
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Putnam
Quigley

Rahall
Rangel
Rehberg
Reichert
Reyes
Richardson
Rodriguez
Roe (TN)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Rooney
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Rothman (NJ)
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Salazar
Sanchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schauer
Schiff
Schmidt
Schock
Schrader
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Sestak
Shadegg
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuler
Shuster
Simpson
Sires
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)

NOES—1

Paul

NOT VOTING—15

Bonner
Conyers
Dicks
Gingrey (GA)
Heller

Himes
Hirono
Honda
Kaptur
Linder

Pastor (AZ)
Radanovich
Speier
Wolf
Young (FL)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1407

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to make today's votes on the House floor due to a family illness. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

“Yea” on rollcall vote No. 985, on the motion to concur in the Senate Amendment with a House Amendment to H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2010.

“Aye” on rollcall vote No. 986, to suspend the rules and adopt H.R. 1110, the PHONE Act of 2009.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 985 and 986, had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2010

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 976, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 64) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 976, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 64

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2010 (division B of Public Law 111-68) is further amended by striking the date specified in section 106(3) and inserting "December 23, 2009".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, before I start, I don't see either one of them on the House floor now, but I just want to take this time to note that today is the birthday of the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), the ranking member of the Defense appropriations subcommittee, and also of the gentleman from Washington (Mr. DICKS), who is the second ranking Democrat on the same subcommittee. So in their absence, I think we wanted to wish them well.

With that, Madam Speaker, I would simply say this is a simple joint resolution, a continuing resolution, which takes the Congress to December 23, next Wednesday. It is made necessary by the fact that it is just possible that the Senate might not finish its work before the 18th. They have been known for their speed, but this may be an exception. It is also useful in order to give the President additional time to review the Defense bill before he signs it.

With that, I would urge support, and I am prepared to yield back after the gentleman has made his remarks.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, this is a simple 5-day CR, and I happily yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, I would again urge support for the resolution, and I would yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 976, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMITTING CONTINUED FINANCING OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 976, I call up the bill (H.R. 4314) to permit continued financing of Government operations, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 976, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4314

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CONTINUED FINANCING OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

Subsection (b) of section 3101 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking the dollar amount contained therein and inserting "\$12,394,000,000,000".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California (Mr. STARK) and the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

□ 1415

Mr. STARK. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. STARK asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STARK. This bill is necessary to allow the government to keep operating past the new year so that we can adjourn for the year. The Treasury Department has told us we will reach our current limit on the national debt on December 31—Happy New Year. Unlike past years, the Treasury Department has informed us they don't have the ability to maneuver and buy more time, so the United States would begin to default on its debt if we do not act. The bill would raise the debt limit by \$290 billion, enough to last through February 11. Unfortunately, we will have to revisit this issue early next year. I wish we could have avoided that, but to do so, we would have had to resolve differences with the Senate over a budget commission and a statutory PAYGO. With the Senate preoccupied on other matters, that would be impossible before the holidays. Even if the Senate were to pass the larger debt limit increase we sent over to them, we would still have to act again next year.

It's important that we do this, as I said, to keep the government running. I don't like to raise the debt limit, but I do like being in the majority, and I do like seeing us pay our bills because we have an international obligation to many of our creditors.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 2 minutes.

Madam Speaker, here we go again. Christmas is a week away and Congress is scrambling at the last minute just so we can go home. While Americans are doing last-minute holiday shopping, the majority party is doing its last-minute spending. This year, many families are cutting back on their holiday shopping. The average holiday spending by Americans this year has dropped to \$343 per person from \$372 a year ago. You would think that during these tough times when most Americans are forced to tighten their belts, Congress would do the same. No chance under this majority.

This majority stumbled into 2009 with a budget that raised the deficit by \$1.8 trillion. Then Congress decided to pass an \$800 billion stimulus bill, \$3 billion on Cash for Clunkers, \$1.3 trillion on the Democratic health care bill, a trillion dollars on cap-and-trade and, recently, another \$447 billion was spent on Washington, D.C., bureaucrats. After all this spending, the national debt is now \$12 trillion. Every American citizen will now owe more than \$39,000 to pay for Washington's spending.

Now Democrats want to raise the debt limit to allow even more spending in 2010. The real fat cat is the Federal Government which spends, spends, spends while the American public gets stuck with the bill.

I urge my colleagues to reject raising the debt limit. Give the gift that America deserves: a responsible Federal budget.

Merry Christmas to everyone.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the distinguished committee member of Ways and Means, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, be allowed to control the time for our side.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the debt limit legislation we are considering today, and I want to thank Mr. RANGEL for his hard work on the bill in the waning days of the Congress this first session.

Let me talk about what the bill does. This bill is simply about continuing operations for the Federal Government. That is the title of the legislation. "Continuing operations" means getting the Social Security checks out on time, an almost sacred duty that we have. This means providing support for our troops and keeping our museums and our parks open. That is what an increase in the debt limit will allow. Simply stated, this is about bills that have already been incurred.

Now, I will, during my time here, resist the temptation to become overly